



The Parish Beacon

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Dear Christian Friends:

I have said it before, and I am going to say it again...

Thanks to the Byrds, the word of Ecclesiastes 3 are familiar to much of the world:

“For everything there is a reason, and a time for every matter under Heaven.”

Spring turns to Summer, Summer turns to Fall, and now Fall falls towards the holiday season. We fall back from Daylight Saving Time in the wee hours of the morning of November 2. Yeah, Fall is falling, and Winter is calling.

“For everything there is a season...”

This is the passage that I was thinking about this morning. It seems like we were just working through the building project we called Vision 2020. That project was to prepare us as a congregation for ministry in the distant year of 2020. That was five years ago. We began that project in 2016. That was ten years ago. However, we actually started the project with the Sanctuary roof replacement in 2013. I don't even want to do the math.

***“For everything there is a season.....
a time to tear down and a time to build...”***

Here we are again. On Sunday, October 19, 2025, the Cross and Entrance project was approved by the congregation. The results—72 yes/4 no. The project passed overwhelmingly, and we found ourselves in the season of building again. We will tear down the laminated wooden cross that has stood faithfully proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ since 1969, and we will build a new metal cross to continue forth in the same manner.

“For everything there is a season...”

Along with this goes a season of a ministry expansion campaign. We will be seeking numerous volunteers to assist with this process, which involves preparing hearts and minds to make campaign promises or commitments. The Spring of 2026 will be the campaign launch, with the fulfillment of the three-year campaign in 2029.

“For everything there is a season...”

As saints, we don't go on vacation. In and out of season, we must be prepared to answer the hope that resides within us. Wherever we are, we need to share the Word with whomever God places around us.

Furthermore, we do the same with all that God has given us. We need to be good stewards and return to God what he has given us. We do this directly and indirectly. We use the gifts God has given us to witness to His saving grace as we go about our daily lives. “In season and out of season,” we joyfully proclaim His gift of salvation to all who will hear.

In the love of Christ, Pastor Hartwig

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P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For the sick and the dying, and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

P: For **Becky Behrens, Dorothy Blume** (Carol Schuldt's sister), **Joanne Bowman** (Rob Bowman's mother), **April Tutton Clark** (Sister of Grace Maurer), **Tom Cowley** (Aaron Mueller's brother-in-law), **Kathy Eick, John Enokian** (brother of Chuck Enokian), **Raymond Forman, Jason Freundt, Mary Helen Gibson** (sister of Gwen McNatt Enokian), **Dennis Huedepohl** (friend of Bruce Maurer), **Jeff Hundley** (grandson of Karen Abernathy), **Dora Jacobson** (granddaughter of George and Carol Schuldt), **Todd Jones** (Barb & Ron Jones' son), **Ruth Langehough, Dot Langholdt** (friend of Ruth Varney), **Lexi Little, Qwen McNatt, Ben Malcom** (father of Tiffany Roiseland), **Mike Miles, Norma Miller** (Twyla Freeman's aunt), **Jane Mills** (aunt of Rob Ghabel), **Marvin Muhlenbruck, Merri Mullane, Julie Pratt-Mullenkamp** (Cousin of Ruth Varney), **Erin Nielsen** (cousin of Crissy Pence), **Faith Pederson, Ed Pederson, Lee Schwarting** (Art Schwarting's mother), **Carol Schuldt, Amy Schulte** (Crissy Pences's sister), **Russell Sexton, Stanley Seese** (friend of Harold Warner), **John Stoll, Marlene Thompson, Natalie Ullrich** (Jeff Kucera's cousin), **Reece Ullerich, Don Warner** (Harold Warner's brother), **Harold Warner, Mark Wilson, Rod Wittich, Garry Wilcox** (Melissa Mullane's dad), and **Martha Van Kirk**, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord have Mercy**

For the comfort of family and friends of **Loren Deetz**, as they mourn his death. Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy**

Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have mercy. Amen.**



Please send the church office names of people who have died since All Saints Day in 2024 (November) and that you would like to have recognized on November 1/2, along with their date of death and their relation to you. Church members that have died will also go on the list. Please have these to Lorrie at 338-5626 ourredeemer@ourredeemer.org by **Monday, October 27.**

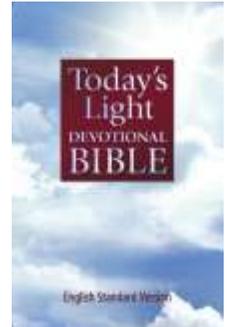
THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sun 10/26	Worship Service 8:00am Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am Worship Service 10:30 District 13 Meeting 2:30pm Trunk or Treat 4:00pm
Mon 10/27	Old Capitol Quilters—Work Day 9:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Chamber Singers 6:00pm Sunlight AA Group 6:00pm
Tues 10/28	SM—Small Group/Marlene 6:00pm LLL Meeting 6:30pm SM—Large Group/Marcia 6:45pm Al-Anon 7:00pm
Wed 10/29	TOPS 8:00am Choir Rehearsal 6:45pm Midweek Classes 6:45pm Adult Bible Study 7:00pm
Thurs 10/30	Comfort Tiers 9:00am Al-Anon 7:30pm
Fri 10/31	Prime Time Dinner Set-up 10:30am
Sat 11/01	Eyeglass Clinic Meeting 8:00am Loren Deetz—Visitation 9:00am
All Saints Day	Loren Deetz—Funeral & Lunch 11:00am Worship Service 5:30pm Trivia Challenge 6:45pm
Sun 11/02	Worship Service 8:00am
All Saints Day	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:20am Prime Time Dinner 12:00pm

THE BIBLE IN TWO YEARS

Week 96

10/27/25	2 Timothy 3:1-4:22
10/28/25	Titus 1:1-16
10/29/25	Titus 2:1-15
10/30/25	Titus 3:1-15
10/31/25	Philemon 1-25
01/01/25	Hebrews 1:1-14



Coffee and snacks for this weekend will be provided by the Human Care Committee. Come join us for a little fellowship before Bible Class and Sunday School.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

****WATCH YOUR FRIDAY EMAIL FOR LIVE STREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP****

**Saturday 5:30pm In Person/LIVE STREAM
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am In Person/LIVE STREAM**

Communion: November 1, 2, 15, 16, 26, 29, 30

**Sunday School 9:20am—In Person
Adult Bible Study 9:20am—Fellowship Hall/ZOOM**

Bible Study/Lunch Bunch meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00am with lunch following.

Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am

Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:45pm

**Praise Team Practice schedule varies—
Contact Myrl Holida: myrl-holida@uiowa.edu or
Louise Klopp: choirdirector@ourredeemer.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS



A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE
NOVEMBER 1/2
ALL 3 SERVICES

All Saints' Day



TRIVIA CHALLENGE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
6:45PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 2



PRIME TIME DINNER
NOVEMBER 2
12:00pm
FELLOWSHIP HALL

ELECTION DAY—Precinct 17
School Closed—ICCS
NOVEMBER 4

MIDWEEK MEAL
Wednesday
November 5
6:00pm
Fellowship Hall



November 5
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall



VOTERS MEETING
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 9
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING LATE
SERVICE



NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY



Panama Mission
Eye Glass Clinic
November 14-23



YOUTH PIE SALE
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15
11:00am—12:30pm
FELLOWSHIP HALL



YOUTH LED WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 15 & 16
ALL 3 SERVICES



NOISY OFFERING
NOVEMBER 15/16
ALL THREE SERVICES



Kids Free Lunch & Matinee
Sunday, November 16
11:45am
Fellowship Hall
See sign up link on
Children's Ministry page



November 19
Bible Class 11:00am
Lunch 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall

School Closed—ICCS
November 19



THANKSGIVING
OFFICE CLOSED
NOVEMBER 27/28



DECK THE HALLS
Sunday, November 30
1:00pm

School Closed—ICCS
November 26-28

Birthdays

October 26	Kurt Shaner
October 27	Benjamin Miskle
October 28	Jean Broberg, Hope Carlson, John Ervin, Loren Kober
October 29	Madeline Caylor
October 30	Corey Holman, Aurora Magsamen, Zelda Stockdale
October 31	Bo Bower, Heather Fehr, Matthew Holida, Leah McDowell, Claire McDowell
November 1	Jacob Frields, Morgan Hotz, Drake Hotz, Gregory Hotz, Lori Lacina, Ethan Monhollon, Miley Raddatz, Joel Schuldt

Stewardship—September 20/21, 2025

ATTENDANCE		TREASURES	
Sat. 10/18 In Person 5:30pm	46	Contributions	\$15,352.96
Sun. 10/19 In Person 8:00am	71	Monthly needs for budget	\$71,996.33
Sun. 10/19 In Person 10:30am	156		
TOTAL WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	61/39



Membership Changes and Official Acts

MISSION	October
Iowa District East	\$3,333.33
TOTAL	\$3,333.33
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca	\$250.00
Lutheran Family Service	\$125.00
Lutheran Family Services (Add'tl)	\$664.49
Orphan Grain Train	\$125.00
MONTH TOTAL	\$4,467.82
Crisis Center	***
Lutherans for Life	***
Concordia Seminary Food Bank	***
TOTAL	\$4,467.82

<u>Baptisms</u>	
Emerson Rose Adams	10-04-2025
<u>Deaths</u>	
Loren Eugene Deetz	10-21-2025



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

Stressed? Discouraged? Lonely? Sad? Don't Struggle Alone, Ask for Help

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or discouraged, **don't struggle alone**. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide confidential one-to-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Pastor Hartwig 319-338-5626

Bill Benson 517-881-9848

Marcia Hulse 319-541-4026

Kevin Sellers 319-631-8924

Thank you for attending Palm Grove Initiative presentation

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for attending the recent potluck dinner and presentation on the Palm Grove Initiative. Your presence, interest, and thoughtful engagement made the event meaningful and memorable.

We are especially grateful to our guests from Eswatini—Jessie (RN), Michael Osatuyi, and Rachel Parks (RN, MSN)—co-founders of Palm Grove Initiative, for sharing their inspiring work and vision for community development, assisting children with disabilities, mental health support, and more. Their dedication to empowering communities is truly remarkable.

If you are considering supporting their mission, donations can be made directly through their website: <https://palmgroveinitiative.org> and the [donation link](#). If you want your donation to go to one of their programs, leave a comment on the donation page. Your contribution will help advance sustainable community programming in Eswatini.

Thank you again for your support and participation. I will continue to keep all of you updated on their mission.

Blessings,
Anita Nicholson



Our Redeemer welcomes.....

Peter and Cathy Svare. They have lived in Garner, Iowa for the past 35 years before moving to Iowa City. Peter and Cathy met when they were in college at the University and moved away afterwards. Peter grew up in Iowa City. Their hobbies and leisure activities are biking, golfing, hiking reading, hunting, and baking.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY ANNOUNCEMENT: Pictorial Directory Photo Time!



When: November 8 & 9 and November 22 & 23 after each service

Where: In the chapel

Who: Anyone who does not have a photo in the directory or is in need of an updated photo.

This is a good time for you to update your contact information for the directory, even if you don't need a photo taken. You can also update information by coming to the office during regular office hours or calling Lorrie in the office.

Other options if these dates don't work for you:

- Submit a photo to the church office by email: redemer@ourredeemer.org
- Bring or send a printed one to the office.
- Contact a Connections Committee member to take your photo at a time that works for you.

Contact: Aubry Lyon (712-263-0636) or Pam Wilson (319-530-1920) with questions or to schedule a different time.

Thank you!
Connections Committee

LOOKING FOR A FOURTH OF JULY PARADE FLOAT COORDINATOR

The Outreach Committee is looking for someone or a team to take the lead for Our Redeemer's 4th of July float for the Coralville parade. Do you have ideas for decorating a float to share the Good News of Jesus? Do you have the skills to organize a project? Do you have the ability to bring people together to work on a project? Then this opportunity might be just the thing for you. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please contact a member of the Outreach Committee—Arlan Thompson, Skip Kempnich, Marilyn Kempnich, Donna Saehler, Melody Strom, Carol Holman, or Judy Schwartz. Is this where God wants you to serve Him? Thank you for praying about this.

Let the SON shine through Sunglasses on Sunglass Sundays, Nov. 2 & 9

The first two Sundays will be designated as Sunglasses Sundays. We are asking you to bring new pairs of Sunglasses and put them in the Sunglass Dropbox located in the corner located by the office. We are collecting these sunglasses for those in Panama who are in need to save their eyes from the harmful rays of the sun. If you want, wear your own pair of sunglasses during the church services those two Sundays to remind yourself and others of our mission in the Panama area. Our group going to Panama leaves on Friday, November 14, so let's send them off with a suitcase full of sunglasses and let our SON shine through our love and prayers and donations of sunglasses.



LWML MEETING

LWML will be having a meeting on Monday, November 17 at 7:00pm. Our guest speaker is Carmen Snow from Informed Choices Medical Clinics. Carmen will discuss how women with unwanted pregnancy are helped through prayer and information on their baby's development.

Devotion: Angela Hotz

Hostesses: Claudia Cornelius & Linda Diggelmann

We hope to see you there!

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2025**

Those in attendance: Ben Weis, Jeff Kucera, Barb Pronk, Kennedy Donovan, Bill Benson, Dave Yansky, Mary Robinson, Marilyn Albright

1. Call to order – Welcome
2. Opening Devotion – Pastor
3. Administrative Regulations Review—
 - Article II, Sections 8=13
 8. Mission Committee
 9. Nominating Committee
 10. Outreach Committee
 11. Preschool Committee
 12. Youth Committee
 13. Worship Committee
 - Article III
 1. Property Committee
 2. Entrance Committee
4. Reviewed August Minutes and were approved.
5. Treasurer’s Report—Kennedy Donovan
 - Down \$12,095.07 for September.
6. Elder’s Report—Bill Benson
 - Pastor and Vicar are working hard on the budget for next year.
7. At Large Reports—
 - Mary Robinson (Outreach, Missions, Small Groups)
Missions are working on the eyeglass clinic.
 - Marilyn Albright (Connections, Health Ministry, Human Care, Technology)
--Steve Scott (Children, Preschool, Youth) N/A
8. Church Properties—Dave Yansky
 - There was a problem with the location of the transformers. It had to be moved but in the same area.
9. Staff Reports:
 - Pastor: Pastor and Vicar attended the Pastor’s Conference. Our district condemned the Stone Choir Podcast. They claim to be LCMS but are not approved by the LCMS because of their outspoken racism.
Confirmation off to a good start.
 - Vicar: It was a blessing to travel and visit the churches in Panama.
Baby is due soon.
 - Denise (Adult) N/A
 - Kaja (Preschool) N/A
 - Kaja/Kara (Children’s Ministry) N/A
 - Kara (Youth) N/A

10. Discussion Items

--Loans

Current Total Outstanding—
\$258,026.24

LCEF Loan \$132,983.91

We just gave them a \$25,000 principal check.

LCEF Matures 2/5/2030

Interest Rate 5.625%

512 Mortgage \$125,042.33

Hills Bank interest is now 7.43% starting October.

Interest was 3.8%

Matures 9/18/2040

--Cross and Entrance Vote

Motion:

I move that Our Redeemer Lutheran Church approves \$1.1 million for funding the Cross and Entrance Project, per the recommendations put forth by the Cross and Entrance Committee.

Funds Raised shall be designated for:

--architectural design and engineering of the new Cross tower and entrance structures

--fabrication and installation of the new entrance structures and surrounding improvements

--fabrication and installation of the new Cross Tower

--design and installation of interior doors and security controls

--related permits, landscaping, lighting, signage, and contingency cost

We as a congregation thank the Cross and Entrance Committee for their 2.5 years of diligent work, and we are thankful for this well thought out plan.

We...

--Empower the committee to represent the congregation and make appropriate changes through the final planning and building phases.

--Engage the Board of Directors to secure funding for the immediate architectural final plans and build in the Cross and Entrance Project.

--Agree to actively participate in the Spring 2026 Ministry Expansion Campaign by volunteering our time and talents and financially committing, not with equal dollars, but equal sacrifice to the campaign.

Therefore, it is the desire and prayer that pledges will cover the remodeling and building project.

Moved by: Dave Yansky **Seconded by:** Mary Robinson

--Technology

**Kevin Sellers informed the Board of Directors about the breach at church. Security needs to be increased. Rob Ghabel is actively working on networking and security.

**Replaced 6 computers and the motherboard. Because of this we are over budget by \$2,810.03

**Request to replace all microphone systems, receivers, and headsets. Total needed for replacements is \$5,703.11

**Total needed is \$8,513.14

**Motion was approved to replace the equipment for the audio and computers. Moved by: Dave Yansky Seconded by: Mary Robinson.

11. Kudos:

--Rob Ghabel for all his work on the networking and security.

--Carol Holman and Donna Saehler for all your work on the programming for our worship services.

12. Prayer and Adjourn: Next meeting will be Thursday, November 4, at 7:00pm and Thursday, November 6, at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Pronk, Secretary

Canada & New England Cruise



 7-DAY CANADA & NEW ENGLAND CIRCLE: NEW BRUNSWICK
Oct 3 - Oct 10, 2026

SHIP: **Zuiderdam** DEPARTS: **Boston, Massachusetts, US** ARRIVES: **Boston, Massachusetts, US**

Join Pastor and Kara Hartwig on a cruise to Canada's dynamic cities and Maine's alluring ports. Halifax's stunning waterfront, Sydney's giant fiddle, and Portland's eclectic boutiques. The beginning of October should be excellent for the changing colors of the New England leaves and the end of the whale watching season. In addition to experiencing all that Holland America has to offer, we will have private group Bible studies and a worship service. Planning to join us is as simple as 1, 2, 3...

Explore Staterooms!

Inside cabin from \$1,469 pp.
Ocean View cabin from \$1,639 pp.
Verandah cabin from \$2,249 pp.



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Prices include all taxes and fees for the cruise.



You can book your own flight, have Pastor help you book, or have Holland America book your flight. Pastor suggests that you arrive in Boston by Thursday, October 1, 2026. The cruise ship will not wait. Pastor is working on a fun excursion for Friday in Boston. Do you want suggestions or help with your hotel before the cruise? Talk to Pastor. The excursion and hotel will be at an extra cost.



Have it All Early Booking includes a free upgrade to the Elite Beverage Package, free upgrade to Premium Wi-Fi, free prepaid Crew Appreciation, a Low Fare Guarantee, shore excursion credits and specialty dining credits. Remember, once this offer expires it will no longer be available to book so we encourage guests to book early to take advantage! \$420 pp or \$60 per day.

Please contact Pastor with any questions – You know he LOVES to talk about travel! (319)855-2521
If you are ready to book with Holland America, then call Bernice Harris, Holland America Personal Cruise Consultant at 800-355-3017 ext. 28109. Tell her... Group ID: TP6 Group Name: Orlc, Iowa City

FREE Lunch & Matinee VeggieTales Classics: King George and the Ducky

Sunday, November 16th at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall



It's a lesson about selfishness and the story of a King named George! Unlike other kings, King George spends most of his time ... in the bathtub! That's where he plays with his favorite toy: his rubber ducky. But one ducky isn't enough for King George. He wants all the duckies in the whole kingdom! Can he learn to put others first before it's too late?

Child friendly meal will be served: mac and cheese, chicken nuggets, apples slices, carrots, and cookie.

This is a family friendly event and don't forget to invite others to join you! No Sign Up Necessary! See you after church.

Comfort Tiers made quilts for Lutheran World Relief



STITCHED WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS



Our delivery of Good Day boxes!

We had 75 boxes with
308 pounds of food.



COOKIES!



Time to start thinking COOKIES! The 32st Annual LWML Guild Cookie Walk will be **Saturday, December 6th, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00**. Please consider donating as many cookies as possible for this event. Workers are needed on Friday and/or Saturday. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex on Sundays. Posters will be available for your office bulletin board or where you shop. Please help us advertise this great event! Proceeds from the Cookie Walk will be given to mission projects. Thank you for your help!

New Member Brunch Thank You

Thank you to all who attended the New Member Brunch last Sunday. What a wonderful opportunity it was to get to know our new members. We had a nice informal time with all the right ingredients—good food, good fellowship, and great people with whom to get acquainted

We urge all of our members to seek out our new members—look for the red ribbons on their name tags. As we welcome them and invite them into our lives, we are truly blessed by the friendship, talents, and gifts they bring into our body of Christ here at Our Redeemer.

New Members, thank you again for coming and sharing your time with us. If you have any questions, feel free to call any of the Connections Committee members: Barb Gienapp, Denise Johnson, Julie Nieland, Ruth Varney, Aubry Lyon, Amy Guhl, Julie Chown or Pam Wilson. The pictorial Directory contains all our phone numbers you may have met in church or at the brunch.

October 19
16 new members
were able to attend

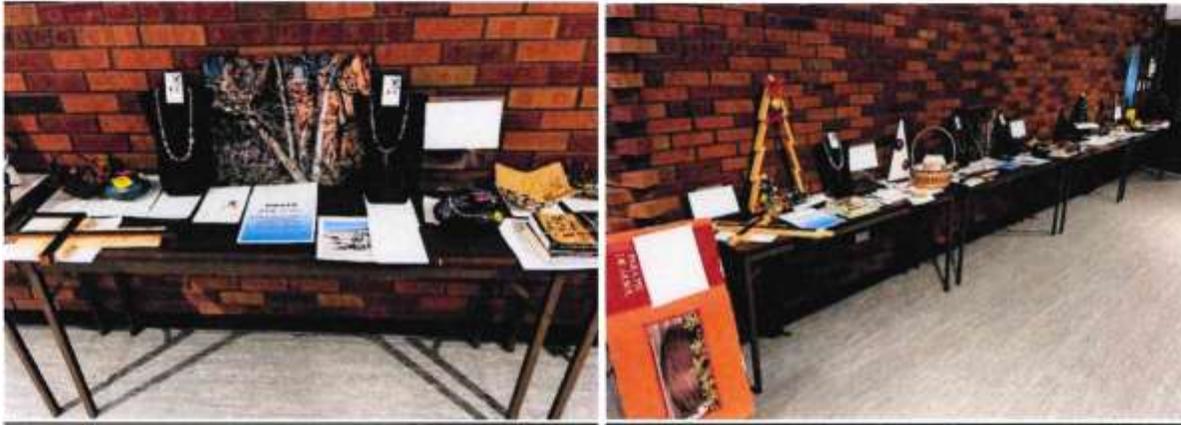




7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat October 18/19



SILENT AUCTION THANK YOU



The Mission Committee would like to thank the congregation for helping to make this year's Silent Auction a success! The funds raised will help defray the cost of future mission trips to Panama and elsewhere.



Mission Committee Members

Denise Holda / Anita Nicholson / Val Penney / Bob Powers / Tiffany Roiseland
Lynn Smith (Chair)

The Lutheran Churches in Panama



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Preschool Beacon



Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller Assistants, Christie Cherian M/W/F, Sara Cross T/TH
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949 www.ourredeemerpreschoolic.org preschool@ourredeemer.org
Our Redeemer Preschool where children play, learn, and grow in Jesus!



Children's Ministry

Birth—5th Grade



Toddlin' to 5th Grade
Sunday, October 26
9:20am



Lesson:
The Gentile Cause—The Jerusalem Council
Acts 15:1—16:5

SIGNUP FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE



A Christmas To Believe

The Children's Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 14 during BOTH the 8:00 am AND 10:30 am worship services. Kindergarten - 8th grade students will be in the musical. The musical will include speaking parts, solos & group songs. —> Use the link below to let us know how your child would like to be involved in the musical. —There will be no auditions. We will use the information you provide on the form to assign parts for each child. Preschool children do not need to sign up. They will practice during their regular Sunday School time. The Preschool class will sing their songs before the Christmas musical at both services on Sun, Dec 14.

SIGN UP LINK FOR K—8th GRADE:

<https://forms.gle/JCT7kdaSuTkjpk516>

Kids Club Field Trip to Legacy Senior Living



WHEN: Wednesday, October 29th from 6:20 pm – 7:20 pm
WHERE: Legacy Senior Assisted and Independent Living
1020 S. Scott Blvd, Iowa City, IA
WHAT: Costume parade and craft for residents

- Please arrive at the Legacy Assisted Living building at 6:20 pm.
- We will have a costume parade and give the residents a craft we made.
- Then, we will walk to the Independent Living building to do the same thing at 7:00 pm.
- By 7:20 pm, parents will drive their children back to Our Redeemer for special pumpkin-themed activities and treats.
- We will finish at 8:00 pm.

Children should dress in a costume that is appropriate to represent our church (please no scary or gory costumes).

Kids Club will be going to two of the facilities at Legacy Senior Living. The group will do the same thing at both places.

Use the QR code to submit permission for field trip.

Contact Kaja 319-541-4827 with any questions



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November 16th
11:45am
In the Fellowship Hall



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Youth

6th - 12th Graders

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

DATE	EVENT	TIME
1	 Trivia Challenge	6:45pm
4	No School ICCSD Election Day	
15	 Youth Pie Sale <i>Pie prep time</i> <i>Pie Sale time</i>	8:00am 11:00am
15/16	Youth Led Worship <i>All 3 Services (Noisy Offering)</i> 	
19	No School ICCSD	
26—28	No School ICCSD	
27-28	Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	
30	Deck the Halls	1:00pm

Trivia Challenge
Saturday, November 1st
6:45pm—8:45pm
All Confirmation & High School Youth are invited to join in on the fun.



Youth Worship Rehearsals



It's that time of year when we begin rehearsals for our annual Youth Worship services.

High School students — We start practicing the songs and rehearsing our skit on **Wednesday, October 29th**. If you're not available on Wednesday nights but want to participate, contact Kara.



Youth Pie Sale

Saturday, November 15th

Pie Making 8:00am—12:30pm

Sale between 11:00am—12:30pm
 In the Fellowship Hall

Pies are handmade, unbaked and frozen

Dutch Apple, Apple, Peach, plus other types of fruit pies

Youth and their families are happy to announce this is our 11th year of hosting the Youth Pie Sale!

Any questions, contact Kara Hartwig

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DEADLINES

Reflections (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20th of each month.

RADIO

Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and KXEL 1540 AM Radio on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to www.LHM.org.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has a strong, caring ministry with children and youth. To promote the safest and most secure environment possible all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, undergo a background screening before working with younger members. Performing background checks provides safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth, and children.

In Church

James 1:22

Your Word washes over me, my Lord,
through readings, music, studies,
voiced thoughts and considerations of others
along with The Sacraments.

I am refreshed, uplifted, praising You for the quietness of Your blessings;
ready to take on the next week's work and problems;
there is no other place on earth that I can attain such treasures.

You give me much and I return so little, it seems,
since all I am able to do is share greetings, thoughts, grief,
love and encouragement with others.

Compared to Your gifts of forgiveness and life eternal,
my talents and funds are truly puny and do not seem nearly enough.
Please help me to give back to You one hundred-fold.

Carol Schuldt

